

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTES  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether huge quantities of solid waste are being generated by the manufacturing and other industries in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the rules governing the disposal of wastes of such industries;
- (c) whether the Government has noticed that industries are flouting these rules and regulations;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a)&(b) As reported by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the solid waste is generated by the manufacturing and other industries in the country. The industrial solid wastes could be in the categories of hazardous / non-hazardous. The hazardous solid wastes are further categorized as landfillable, recyclable and incinerable for facilitating treatment and disposal of the wastes. As reported, it is estimated that about 41,523 industries generating hazardous waste are operational in the country and these industries generate about 7.90 million tonnes of hazardous waste per annum. Hazardous solid wastes are being treated and disposed as per the Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008 and the non-hazardous recyclable solid wastes are recycled / re-used by other subsidiary industries.

(c)to(e) In accordance to the Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules 2008 notified by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) issue authorization and monitor such hazardous waste generating industries for safe disposal of hazardous wastes. The SPCBs/PCCs take actions directly against the industries for flouting these rules.